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## MET DEATH WITHOUT A TREMOR

Holmes, the Multi-murderer,  
Hanged Yesterday.

He Walked Calmly to the Scaffold, and  
in the Few Words Spoken Before the  
Drop Fell, His Voice Never Quavered.  
His Former "Confessions" Denied on  
the Gallows—His Farewell Grasp Firm.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—Merian W. Mudgett, alias H. H. Holmes, was hanged in Moyamensing prison at twelve and a half minutes after ten o'clock this morning. That is the time the drop fell. It was fully a half hour later before he was officially pronounced dead.

A half minute before he was shot into eternity he made this declaration to the solemn assemblage gathered about the scaffold:

"Gentlemen, I have very few words to say. In fact I would make no remarks at this time except that by not speaking I would appear to acquiesce in my execution. I only wish to say that the act of my wrong-doing in taking human life consisted in the death of two women, they having died at my hands as the result of criminal operations. I wish also to state that there can be no misunderstanding that I am not guilty of taking the lives of any of the Pletzel family—the three children and Benjamin, the father—of whose death I was convicted and am about to die for. This is all I have to say."

It will be seen that the words were well-chosen. They were equally well-pronounced. The voice never quavered; the hands, clasped on the dark railing of the scaffold, did not tremble. The nerve which all along characterized this marvelous assassin had not deserted him to the very end. As the last syllable fell from his pallid lips he turned to his attorney. Claspings the right hand of the young lawyer, Holmes gave him a firm grasp—firm even at that terrible moment—he laid his left on the other man's shoulder, and, gazing right into his eyes, uttered in a loud voice, "Good-bye."

Then he carefully buttoned his coat, nodded to the sheriff, and in an instant he shot to death. He was undoubtedly the most stolid of any in that assemblage of fifty odd men. The pallor of his face was not deeper than the ordinary prison bleach, and he stood erect, gazing steadfastly before him, until the horrible black cap shut out his last look at earthly things.

He spent his last day of life uneventfully. During part of yesterday priests visited him and said prayers. In the afternoon his lawyer, Samuel P. Kotan, called for a short time. The balance of the day Holmes occupied reading his Bible and other devotional books. The only sign of defiance he made just after the priests left. "Am I nervous?" he demanded, stretching his hands out to Keeper Weaver. They were as steady as a rock. Holmes smiled and retired to the rear of his cell. He declared that he had never felt better in his life. Soon after this the priests returned and remained with him until the end.

At two minutes after ten o'clock the procession to the gallows was begun, headed by Prison Superintendent Perkins and Assistant Superintendent Richardson. Fifty or more men, with uncovered heads made up the solemn parade and halted before the scaffold. The instrument of death loomed high in the center of the corridor on the first floor of the convict side of the prison. The platform which stood eight feet above the level of the floor was approached by a flight of stairs.

The witnesses passed around the structure and faced it. An awful silence fell for a moment, then a murmur of sound arose from the other side of the scaffold. It was the prayers of the

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**TENNESSEE DEMOCRATS.**  
They Will Probably Indorse Silver—The  
Convention Very Excited.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 7.—The Democratic convention to select delegates to the national convention was called to order at noon to-day. Congressman McMillin was elected chairman and he said in his speech that the time had come for the free, unlimited and, if necessary, independent coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

Committees were then appointed, and the convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock. On reassembling Judge Shield, of Grant county, was chosen permanent chairman.

The committee on credentials not being ready to report, speech-making to a wild and disorderly convention followed in the meantime until after 6 o'clock when a recess was taken.

Some of the speeches were very bitter and abusive of President Cleveland. Chairman Shields called the convention to order at 8 o'clock. The reports of the committee on credentials was read. The convention now awaits the report of the platform committee. The basis of representation cuts down the anti-free silver vote to a small showing.

**His Wife Pleading.**  
LONDON, May 7.—A Pretoria dispatch to the Telegraph says: John Hays Hammond's wife had a long and touching interview with President Kruger to-day, at which she pleaded the cause of her husband. President Kruger promised to consider everything and he said he hoped that the matter would be settled by the end of the week.

priests, who were escorting Holmes to the gallows. A moment later they mounted the steps and came into view. There was a pause after they had reached the deadly trap, and then Holmes stepped forward and pronounced his valedictory. It took him exactly two minutes to pronounce what nearly every man there regarded as the last of a series of lies. Father Daily is the only man who knows whether or not the man went into eternity with a lie on his lips. For Holmes last night or to-day made a final confession. But that is buried in the secrets of the church.

After shaking hands with his lawyer, who then left the scaffold, Holmes turned and bade farewell to Superintendent Perkins and Richardson and the priests. Then he and the two clergymen knelt in silent prayer. In another half minute the time came; Holmes' hands were manacled behind him, the noose and the black cap were adjusted, and the intense stillness was broken by a sharp crack, that echoed along the corridors like the crack of a pistol. The body shot down and hung without a tremor. As the cohort died away, the voices of the priests only arose. They were chanting the prayers for those in the agonies of death. The body was allowed to hang until 10:45 o'clock, then it was cut down and placed in a coffin.

At half past twelve o'clock the big iron doors in the rear of the prison swung open, and an undertaker's wagon rolled out. It had in it a plain black casket containing the body. The wagon drove rapidly to Mount Moriah Cemetery, where the body was placed in a vault. There will be no autopsy on the body of Holmes, his last words being a strict injunction to his attorney to that effect.

After the body had been cut down it was placed in a plain pine box, the bottom and sides covered with cement. This was done so the material will harden about the corpse and practically fasten it to the box, preventing any attempt to steal the body. On the breast of the corpse lies a small silver cross bearing the words "H. W. Mudgett, died May 7, 1896."

Mrs. Carrie Pletzel, widow of the man who Holmes murdered, was told of the execution but was too nervous to be interviewed, but expressed relief at the knowledge of the news that Holmes was dead.

## FOR CHEAPER COAL.

Colonel Browning Here Arranging to Supply  
Roanoke With His Output.

Col. Jos. S. Browning, of Pocahontas, the proprietor of the Browning mines, is in the city perfecting arrangements to supply the city of Roanoke with his coal. He will open up a coal yard here for the purpose of handling his output.

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Mr. Browning can easily arrange to secure a daily output of twenty cars from his mines, and since his withdrawal from the Coal Producers' Association he will be free to handle the products of his mines himself.

It is more than probable that the Browning coal will not be furnished to local coal dealers' associations anywhere. In this way combinations cannot be made on the prices and the coal will be delivered here without passing through the hands of two or three middlemen.

Mr. Browning has the facilities and plenty of money at the back of the enterprise, and should he complete his arrangements the people of this city who have been groaning under the heavy weight of monopoly and combinations, should stand ready to build a monument to perpetuate his memory.

It is understood that the coal from his mines has been tested and found to be the best coal for all general purposes of any that comes from the Flat Top regions. Mr. Browning will leave to-day for Lynchburg to perfect similar arrangements with Lynchburg parties and will probably return to-morrow afternoon.

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The Resolution Passes the Senate  
by a Decisive Vote.

Only Six Senators Voted Against It and All  
Were Democrats—The Investigation  
Will be a Rigid and Searching One.  
House Business Obstructed by Mr.  
Fickler Because Pension Bills Were Not  
Considered.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—By the decisive vote of 51 to 6 the Senate to-day inaugurated an investigation to be conducted by the Senate committee on finance into the facts and circumstances connected with the sale of United States bonds by the Secretary of the Treasury during the last three years. The six adverse votes were cast by Senators Caffrey, of Louisiana; Faulkner, of West Virginia; Gray, of Delaware; Hill, of New York; Mitchell, of Wisconsin, and Palmer, of Illinois, all Democrats.

The resolution directing the investigation is very explicit, as follows: "Resolved, That the committee on finance be directed to investigate and report generally all the material facts and circumstances connected with the sale of United States bonds by the Secretary of the Treasury in the years 1894, 1895 and 1896."

"Second, To investigate and report especially with the amount of available funds, classified in the United States Treasury and on deposit and in other places subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury at the time the bonds were sold or offered for sale, whether there was or was not coin enough on hand to meet all coin obligations of the Government due at the time said bonds were sold or when offered for sale; what obligations were due at that time and the amount of each, stated; what was the reason for any unusual withdrawal of coin from the Treasury shortly before the bonds were sold or offered for sale; if such unusual withdrawals were in fact made, and by what persons or classes of persons and for what purpose or on what account such withdrawals were made; who purchased the bonds, in what amounts and where, whether in the United States or in foreign countries, and in what proportions and from what persons or classes of persons the gold was procured to pay the bonds; what the bonds sold for, and what was the market price of our Government bonds at the time, and what effect the bond sales had on the credit and business of the people of the United States."

"Third, To investigate and report as to the manner of disposing of said bonds, by what authority, and what contracts, advertisements, or proposals were made by the Secretary of the Treasury in relation thereto; what agreements, or whether publicly or privately, were entered into by the Secretary of the Treasury and any syndicate or person or persons with respect to the sale and purchase of the bonds, and the profits made or to be made by such syndicate or any person or persons connected with such syndicate, directly or indirectly; whether such contract or agreement had any and what effect on the prices of the different bonds, what the effect was and who, if any person, profited by it and to what extent."

The debate had been animated and at times sensational, throughout the early hours of the day. Mr. Palmer's opposition to the resolution and his reference to "snap conventions" brought on a heated colloquy with Mr. Vest and Mr. Cockrell.

"I oppose this resolution," said Mr. Palmer, "because I regard it as an illegitimate means of procuring material to affect and inflame the public mind."

The Senator went on to say that he did not suppose any Senator, except possibly the Senator from South Dakota (Petigrew), questioned the integrity of the Secretary of the Treasury. The Secretary's judgment might be disputed; the correctness of his acts might be questioned, but there was no question of integrity involved.

Mr. Palmer reviewed the platform utterances of the parties. Citing the old adage "the world do move," Mr. Palmer said the country had moved since the platform declaration of 1893 and it was evident that the financial planks made at Minneapolis and Chicago would not satisfy the country. In mentioning the return to the White House in 1893 Mr. Palmer said the President had called to his aid "that able statesman, that pure and honest man, J. G. Carlisle."

At another point Mr. Palmer referred to the cowardice of candidates for the Presidency and for Congress in not being specific on their financial views and in this connection the Senator had an article read from the desk arraigning Governor McKinley for his "Janus-faced" attitude on finance; and "yet," added Mr. Palmer, "all indications point to the fact that the subject of that criticism will be the Republican candidate for the Presidency."

A Senator across the aisle whispered to Mr. Palmer the substance of the bulletins from the Indianapolis convention, whereupon Mr. Palmer added: "In fact I acknowledge that the opposition to him has broken down." Mr. Palmer was drawn into a hot colloquy with the two Missouri Senators, Mr. Vest and Mr. Cockrell. The former wanted to know what Mr. Palmer meant by a reference to "snap" conventions favoring silver.

"I mean," replied Mr. Palmer, "con-

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piracy last year in Missouri and Illinois."

"What was the 'snap' feature of this convention?"

"An unnecessary convention is a 'snap' convention. These conventions were called to commit the Democracy in advance to the free silver dogma."

Mr. Cockrell argued sharply that the Missouri convention was one of the most representative gatherings ever held. It was called by the Democracy as being misrepresented and an attempt made to commit it to gold.

Mr. Vest declared that the motion was a response to the people. "The people led and," added Mr. Vest, "the people assemble conventions and any man who tries to stop them will be crushed. Manhood and decency will not longer permit us to stand here and be accused of advocating 'unsound money' and oppose snap conventions."

At this point Mr. Vest branched off into a sensational recital of personal history, and closed with a declaration as to his own position. "I am a delegate to the national convention, chosen by my people, and I serve notice now that if that convention at Chicago is to be made up of office-holders, to stifle and prevent the expression of the people, then it is no Democratic convention to me. The Democratic party is the party of honorable expression, not of federal patronage."

Mr. Hill then took the floor and closed his speech in opposition to the bond resolution and the vote was then taken. House Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The net result of a three and a half hours session of the House to-day was the passage of a bill to amend the act creating the court of appeals so as to allow appeals from the supreme courts of territories to that court.

Mr. Pickler (Rep., S. D.) attempted to have his revenge for the defeat last night, when the House refused to remain in session to pass private pension bill by blocking legislation to-day. He made the point of no quorum at every opportunity, and the House finally losing patience, adjourned.

Mr. Pickler threatens to keep up his tactics until he accomplishes his object, which he says is to secure further consideration for private pension bills.

**REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE.**  
Chairman Carter Gives Notice of Meeting  
and Order of Procedure.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Senator Carter, chairman of the Republican national committee, to-day gave out the following: "The members of the Republican national committee are requested to meet at the Southern Hotel, in the city of St. Louis, on Wednesday, the 10th of June, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of reporting the temporary roll of membership and designating temporary officers for the convention, and for the transaction of such other business as may require the action of the committee. As there will be a number of contested cases presented for consideration, it is deemed advisable to call special attention to the following clause of the convention:

"All notices of contests must be filed with the secretary of the national convention in writing accompanied by printed statements of contest, which shall be made public. Preference in the order of hearing and determining contests will be given by the committee in accordance with the dates of filing such notices and statements with the secretary."

"All persons desiring to put the matters for the consideration of the committee under the foregoing clause are required to be prepared to put their cases on assembling of the committee on the date above designated. Prior to June 1, communications should be addressed to the secretary, in care of the Arlington Hotel, Washington, and thereafter in care of the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. "THOMAS H. CARTER,  
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## THE LATE WASHINGTON TRAGEDY

Efforts to Find the Slayer of  
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cion of Being Irwin E. Ford, the  
Negro Now Accused of Murdering  
the Girl—The Body Was Taken Yes-  
terday Evening to Forestville, Md.,  
for Interment.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Washington authorities were notified to-day of the arrest of two negroes, both suspected of being Irwin E. Ford, the negro accused of the murder of Elsie Kreglo, the 16-year-old girl found brutally assaulted and murdered just beyond the city limits Monday afternoon. The most apparent interest was manifested in the report of the arrest of the men. The other arrest was at Baltimore, where a suspected negro was taken from a freight train as he was alighting from it within the city limits. The developments of the forty-eight hours in the case have resulted in centering the investigation on Ford.

Railroad officials co-operated with the detectives by sending descriptions along the line over which Ford was thought to have gone to Baltimore in his flight. Plans were then made to send some one from Burnt Mills who knows Ford over to Baltimore to identify him. The body of Elsie Kreglo, the murdered girl, was taken to an undertaker's and late this evening was taken to Forestville, Md., for burial.

The police now believe they have the man who murdered Elsie Kreglo here last Monday afternoon. The negro arrested to-day at Harper's Ferry and who attempted to drown himself to avoid apprehension was brought to this city at a late hour to-night by the police of the city. The train stopped before it reached the station and the negro was taken to one of the police stations in a patrol wagon.

He is badly frightened and talks in an incoherent manner and does not give any satisfactory answers to the questions put to him. The officer that went to Harper's Ferry for the prisoner said the feeling against the prisoner was very great.

**INDIANA FOR MCKINLEY.**  
So the Republican Convention Decided  
Yesterday at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 7.—The Indiana Republican convention to-day instructed its delegates for Major McKinley, with scarcely a show of opposition, and the long impending battle between McKinley and Harrison forces was ended peacefully. The platform embodying the instructions was a viva voce vote and without division, the chairman's decision that the motion be carried being received without a challenge. General Harrison did not make his eagerly expected speech to the delegates, and did not visit the convention.

The platform declares for "sound money," favors the use of both gold and silver, at a parity, urges bimetallism on an international basis, and condemns the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

The sudden collapse of the anti-McKinley forces was a surprise alike to friends and foes of the Ohioan. There was little doubt when the convention met that instructions would carry, but a warm fight was expected, and a fight in which General Harrison's name would figure prominently was looked for.

The sudden wind up what had been expected to be a sensational and bitter fight was a marked feature of the day's proceedings. What its significance and what the significance of General Harrison's failure to address the delegates may be was a matter thoroughly unknown to politicians. Some expressed the opinion that the ex-President felt that the instructions were a slap at him, while others declared that he had merely emphasized his previously expressed desire to be considered out of the present situation.

The following is the State ticket nominated: Governor, James A. Mount, a farmer; lieutenant governor, W. L. Haggard; secretary of State, W. D. Owen; auditor of State, A. C. Dalley; treasurer, Fred J. Schultz; attorney general, W. A. Ketchum; supreme court, Charles F. Remy.

**Only One American Aboard.**

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The State Department has been authentically informed that of the persons captured on board the Competitor a number were killed during the fight that ensued between the Spanish steam launch and the schooner, and while many more are supposed to have escaped only one of the persons captured is an American and he has refused thus far to give his name.

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